

1. (Twice Amended) An address system comprising:
  - means for monitoring information sent by a sender and asynchronously received at a public fee address associated with a mail recipient;
  - means for determining a fee for the information, wherein the fee is based upon a preferences record defined by the mail recipient;
  - means for collecting the fee from the sender into a first account;
  - means for forwarding the information received at the public fee address to a private address associated with the mail recipient; and
  - means for transferring the collected fee to a second account.
19. (Twice Amended) An address system comprising:
  - means for monitoring information sent by a sender and asynchronously received at a public fee address associated with a mail recipient;
  - means for determining a fee for the information, wherein the fee is based upon a preferences record defined by the mail recipient and the fee is conditional;
  - means for collecting the fee from the sender; and
  - means for forwarding the information received at the public fee address to a private address associated with the mail recipient.
22. (Twice Amended) A method of providing a fee address system comprising the steps of:
  - receiving information sent by a sender at a public fee address in a computer, wherein the public fee address is associated with a mail recipient;
  - determining a fee for the information, wherein the fee is based upon a preferences record defined by the mail recipient and the fee increases as information size increases;
  - collecting the fee from the sender; and
  - forwarding the information from the public fee address to a private address associated with the mail recipient.
31. (Twice Amended) A programmed computer for providing a fee address system comprising:
  - a memory having at least one region for storing computer executable program code; and

a processor for executing the program code stored in memory, wherein the program code includes:

code to receive mail sent by a sender to a public fee address associated with a mail recipient;

code to determine a fee for the mail, wherein the fee is based upon a preferences record defined by the mail recipient;

code to collect the fee from the sender into a first account;

code to forward the mail from the public fee address to a private address associated with the mail recipient; and

code to transfer the collected fee to a second account.

49. (Twice Amended) Computer executable software code stored on a computer readable medium, the code for providing a fee address system, comprising:

code to receive a communication sent by a sender to a public fee address associated with a mail recipient;

code to determine a fee for the communication, wherein the fee is based upon a preferences record defined by the mail recipient;

code to collect the fee; and

code to forward the communication from the public fee address to a private address associated with the mail recipient.

50. (Twice Amended) A method of providing a fee address system comprising the steps of:

receiving mail sent by a sender to a public fee address in a computer wherein the public fee address is associated with a mail recipient;

determining a fee for the mail, wherein the fee is based upon a preferences record defined by the mail recipient;

collecting the fee from the sender into a first account;

forwarding the mail from the public fee address to a private address associated with the mail recipient; and

transferring the collected fee to a second account.